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Dear Reader

Wintertime is well known for its traditional festivities and customs. Did you know that the reason why fewer festivities take place in summer is that people who worked on the land in the past simply didn't have the time to enjoy such events during the warmer months? Besides the traditional Christmas festivities, many other customs have also emerged – from regional celebrations to national events. Many of these living traditions are a key part of the intangible cultural heritage that Switzerland has listed under the UNESCO Convention. It gives me great pleasure to present a small selection of these customs on our Christmas stamps. What do I like about them personally? The images evoke memories of my childhood, shared experiences, mystical lights and delightful melodies.

It's far too early to look back on the year, but I imagine the pandemic has once again overshadowed many people's daily lives in 2021. For instance, travelling abroad is no longer quite so straightforward. Like everyone else, I long for new, foreign cultures, the vastness of the ocean or even simply a change of scene. This year, I took the opportunity to spend a few weeks exploring our own country with my family. I experienced incredible diversity without travelling great distances: picturesque piazzas and forgotten places, gentle landscapes and rugged mountains, modern art and traditional crafts, familiar languages and rare dialects, local delicacies and culinary specialities.

And what have I taken away from that trip? Memories of an adventure-filled time, charming encounters and the opportunity to explore a wide range of different stories, like those continually told by our stamps.

In the last issue of the year, I would like to invite you to join me on a journey – right through the table of contents and off into the world of our new stamps. Let's get going!

Corinne Lutz
Stamps & Philately Product Manager

Issuing programme

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No.	Value	Description
1	1.10	**Special stamp** 100 Years of Celestino Piatti
4	10.10	**Definitive stamps** Swiss river landscapes
	0.90	Verzasca TI
	1.10	Aare BE
	1.80	Rhine GR
	2.30	Doubs JU
	4.00	Rhône VS
3	0.35	**Supplementary stamps** Coins
	0.05	5 centimes
	0.10	10 centimes
	0.20	20 centimes
1	1.10	**Special stamp** Müntschi
4	6.10	**Special stamps** Animals in their habitats
	0.90	Snail
	1.10	Common kingfisher
	1.80	Bumblebee
	2.30	Hazel dormouse

No.	Value	Description
4	4.00	**Special stamps** Special events
	0.90	Wedding
	0.90	Birth
	1.10	Mourning
	1.10	Congratulations
1	1.10	**Special stamp** 50 years Mummenschanz
1	1.10	**Special stamp** 125 years Chimney Sweeper Switzerland
5	**6.10**	**Pre-franked products** Postcards
	0.90	A Mail
	1.10	B Mail
		Covers
	0.90	Squirrel (C5 with and without window)
	1.10	Cow (C5 with and without window)
	2.10	Swan (B5 without window)

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Month	Key	Date	Location	Event
November	TF/E	4.–7.11	Paris, FR	75th Salon Philatélique d'Automne
	I	11.11		**Issue date**
	SS+	25.–27.11	Horgen, CH	Stamp Day 2021
	TF/E	26.–28.11	Verona, IT	Veronafil 2021
December	SS+	9.–10.12	Bern-Bethlehem, CH	Christmas branch
January	F	27.1		Focus on stamps 1/2022: The Collector's Magazine

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Key

I	Issue date for stamps/postal stationery
F	Focus on stamps (stamp magazine)
TF/E	Trade fair/exhibition
SS	Sales stand
SS+	Sales stand with cancellation service

The first Swiss crypto stamp is on its way – keep your eyes peeled!
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Here are the new definitive stamps

Swiss Post is increasing the prices of A and B Mail letters and of other mail items on 1 January 2022. The relevant definitive stamps will be available from 1 January 2022. The new stamp series is dedicated to Swiss river landscapes.

The stamp for B Mail letters, now 90 centimes, features a spectacular image of the Verzasca in Brione.

The A Mail stamp, now worth CHF 1.10, shows a beautiful section of the Aare near Rubigen in the Canton of Berne.

The franking for 180 centimes features the Rhine in Chur while it still resembles an Alpine river.

The impressive green banks of the Doubs at Le Theusseret in the Doubs Nature Park illustrate the franking for 230 centimes.

The new 4-franc stamp for small goods consignments in Europe presents the Rhone in Varen in a mysterious twilight atmosphere.

The current stamps remain valid and their value can be increased using the three new "Coins" supplementary stamps worth 5, 10 and 20 centimes respectively.

Design a stamp!

From 16 September to 27 October 2021, Swiss Post is organizing a competition on social media that gives you the opportunity to design an official stamp dedicated to the popular sport of hiking. Full details about the competition, how to enter and what awaits the winner of the stamp design competition can be found at **swisspost.ch/design-competition**.

Carol singers

Saint Nicholas

Iffelen carriers

Chlausezüüg

Christmas – Traditions

The jovial, nostalgic motifs of this year's Christmas stamps draw on Switzerland's rich cultural heritage when it comes to Christmas traditions. It is particularly impressive to see how the diversity of these customs is depicted.

Living traditions make up part of Switzerland's intangible cultural heritage. The designs selected for the four special stamps in the 2021 Christmas set highlight the wide variety of traditions practised during the festive period.

Cheery nostalgia full of atmosphere – the four designs show a broad range of traditions from the regional to the widely known: Saint Nicholas trudges out of the forest, carol singers roam the countryside letting their voices ring out, the "Iffelen" carriers create a mystical atmosphere at the Saint Nicholas chase in Küssnacht and the "Chlausezüüg" entices us into a cosy room in Appenzell Innerrhoden.

In terms of their cheerful style and the designs chosen, the images purposely draw on classical children's book illustrations. Their atmospheric characterization is enhanced by the evocative use of light impressions and effects.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A371 150	A371 550	5.35
Set of blocks of four	A371 160	A371 560	21.40
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Carol singers	A371 361	A371 381	8.50
1.00 Saint Nicholas	A371 362	A371 382	10.00
1.50 Iffelen carriers	A371 363	A371 383	15.00
2.00 Chlausezüüg	A371 364	A371 384	20.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A371 580	6.25
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A371 600	8.95
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A371 630	25.00
Unstamped cover C6	A371 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A371 640	A371 650	6.15
Christmas cards with covers and stamps			
Set of 4 different folded cards A6, 4 covers C6 and 4 "Saint Nicholas" Christmas stamps at CHF 1.00 (not affixed)	A371 951		9.80
The Christmas cards are not supplied with the subscription.			

Set on first-day cover C6

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Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 100×228 mm (open), 100 ×114 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Anita Dettwiler and Dani Pelagatti, Zurich

Decorate your Christmas mail!

The shimmering stickers on our sheet of stamps are the ideal way of giving your Christmas greetings that special touch!

Festive folding cards with matching stamps and covers

Christmas

Our range of festive envelopes for your Christmas mail!

Wienacht-Tobel

Swiss Post is issuing a special stamp in honour of the traditional Christmas market in Wienacht-Tobel. Information about the market can be found at www.wienachtsmarkt.ch.
There will be no sales stand at the event. You can send your items along with an addressed and franked reply envelope to the following address:
Post CH Network Ltd, Cancellation Service, "Wienacht-Tobel", Werkstrasse 41, 3250 Lyss, Switzerland

Deadline for Christmas mail: 15 December 2021

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Special covers			
Special cover C6, franked with the "Saint Nicholas" special stamp at CHF 1.00 and cancelled with the special cancellation "9405 Wienacht-Tobel 28.11.2021"		A371 991	1.90
Special cover without stamp C6	A371 992		0.90
The special covers are not supplied with the subscription.			

Wienacht-Tobel special cancellation

Bethlehem Christmas branch

Date: 9 to 10 December 2021
Location: Bethlehem Christmas branch, "im Tscharni", café and community center, Waldmannstrasse 17, 3027 Bern, Switzerland
Getting there: Tram no. 8 to the Tscharnergut stop
Opening times: Thursday, 9.12.2021, 9 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, 10.12.2021, 9 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We're delighted that the Christmas branch in Bern-Bethlehem will be opening its doors again this year! To send your Christmas mail with the "Bethlehem" cancellation, bring your letters to Bern-Bethlehem during the sales stand's opening hours or send your Christmas mail franked with valid stamps (no express items) directly to the following address:
Post CH Network Ltd, Cancellation Service, "Bethlehem", Werkstrasse 41, 3250 Lyss, Switzerland

Deadline for Christmas mail: 15 December 2021
On request, stamp impressions can also be applied to loose valid stamps. Please enclose a pre-franked, self-addressed envelope so that any unaddressed items for cancellation can be returned.

Send your Christmas mail with the Bethlehem postmark!

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Special covers			
Special cover C6, franked with the "Saint Nicholas" special stamp at CHF 1.00 and cancelled with the special cancellation "3027 Bern 27 Bethlehem 9.–10.12.2021"		A371 141	1.90
Special cover without stamp C6	A371 142		0.90
The special covers are not supplied with the subscription.			

Bethlehem special cancellation

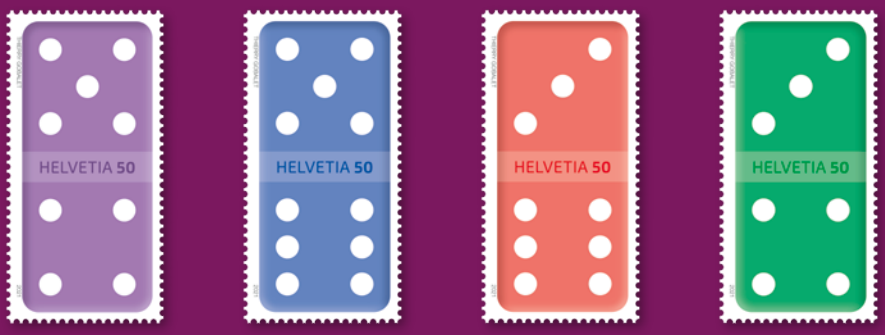
Multilateral product

Christmas

This year's multilateral product contains a total of 16 original 2021 Christmas stamps from Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria and Luxembourg.

There may be delays to the shipping of this product. However, other products in the same order will be delivered on time.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Multilateral Christmas set			
2021 issue, includes stamps from Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria and Luxembourg. Item available in German only	A371 990		28.90
This product is not supplied with the subscription.			



Violet Blue Red Green

With punched-out spots and matt and gloss finish.

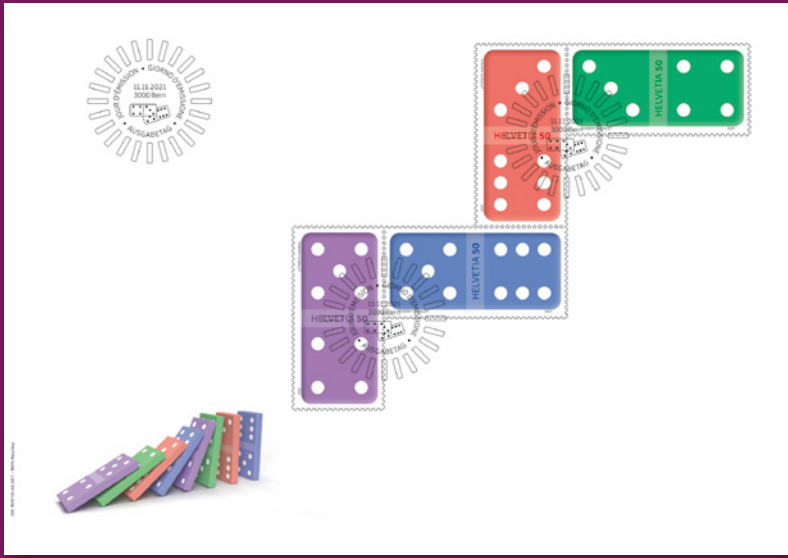
Dominoes

Dominoes is a game that's familiar to everyone in Switzerland and enjoyed by young and old alike. The pieces typically used in the game provided the template for four special stamps that are both creative and creatively stimulating.

The game of dominoes is played all over the world, but its origins are something of a mystery – it was most likely created in China. The game has existed in Europe since the late Middle Ages. Dominoes is not just a social activity, there are also championships – and the world champion in 2020 was actually Swiss.

The four special stamps, each with a value of 50 centimes, are ideal to use together, so that every envelope can be given a personalized design. The usually plain pieces appear in light colours on the special stamps, creating a harmonious effect on the wooden playing table. The stamps are designed to encourage users to affix them in creative arrangements. A particularly attractive feature is that the spots of the dominoes are punched out.

Sheetlet of 4 stamps



Set on first-day cover E6

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Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 23.5×47 mm Sheet: 192×115 mm (4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	14¼:14¼
Design	Thierry Gobalet, Steffisburg

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A370 150	A370 550	2.00
Sheetlet of 4 stamps (4× 0.50)	A370 311	A370 351	2.00
The block of four is not available. Subscribers with a block of four instead receive the relevant set.			
Covers			
Set on first-day cover E6		A370 580	3.00
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A370 600	5.60
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A370 590	3.20
Unstamped covers C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A370 700 A370 701 A370 702		 0.90 1.20 1.00
The block of four on first-day cover is not available. Subscribers with the block of four on first-day cover instead receive the set on first-day cover.			
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A370 640	A370 650	2.80

Special stamps
with surcharge

Brother

Granddaughter

Pro Juventute – Children assume responsibility

Children with a well-developed sense of self-esteem are happier and less prone to habits that may harm their health. These research findings are illustrated in appealing fashion on this year's Pro Juventute stamps.

Our sense of self-esteem grows when we are allowed to contribute to and assume responsibility in society, because we all want to feel a sense of belonging. The same is true of children. Many like to help out by cooking, doing little chores or looking after their younger siblings for a while. If a task is age-appropriate and challenging but not overtaxing, and if children sense they are helping others, they feel needed.

These psychological findings are illustrated in an attractive retro style on the Pro Juventute special stamps. On the CHF 85+40 stamp, a boy is helping his little sister to put on her shoes. On the CHF 100+50 stamp, the same girl helps her grandmother with the shopping.

The fact that young people grow and develop when they can lend others a helping hand is especially true of teenagers. They don't just want to be looked after, but to accomplish things themselves!

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A376 150	A376 550	2.75
Set of blocks of four	A376 160	A376 560	11.00
Sheet of 10 stamps 0.85+0.40 Brother 1.00+0.50 Granddaughter	 A376 361 A376 362	 A376 381 A376 382	 12.50 15.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A376 580	3.65
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A376 600	4.55
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A376 630	12.80
Unstamped cover C6	A376 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A376 640	A376 650	3.55
Stamp booklet			
6 self-adhesive stamps at CHF 0.85+0.40 with the "Brother" design and 6 self-adhesive stamps at CHF 1.00+0.50 with the "Granddaughter" design	A376 300	A376 800	16.50

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Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps) Stamp booklet: 86×62 mm (folded)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Martina Friedli, Bern

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Miniature sheet
with surcharge

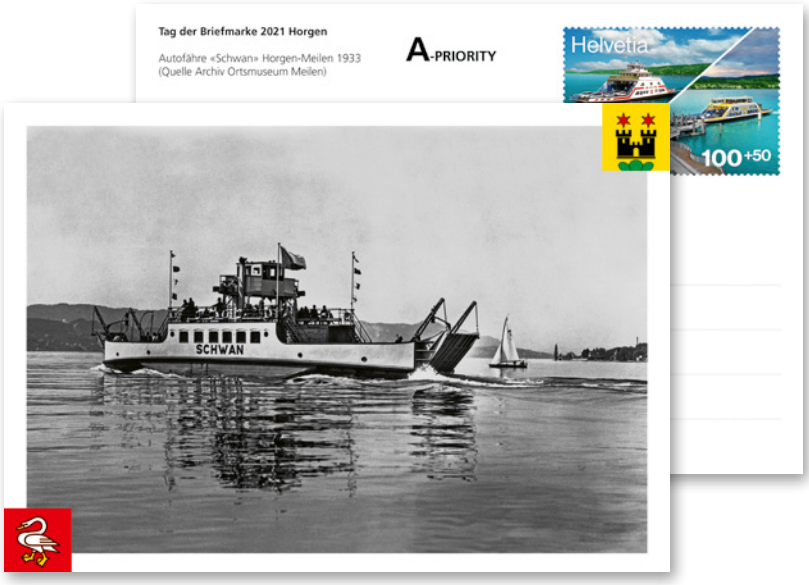
Horgen Meilen

Stamp Day 2021 Horgen

The special sheet with surcharge issued to mark "Stamp Day Horgen" features ferries on Lake Zurich. This highlights the importance of waterways in the Horgen region.

Stamp Day – a category II exhibition – is to be held in Horgen from 25 to 27 November 2021. The organizational committee of the Horgen Philately Society chose the ferry to Meilen as the venue for the official opening ceremony. The ferry not only connects the two banks of the lake at Horgen and Meilen. It also offers a much quicker option for private transport between the Zurich Oberland and Central Switzerland than travelling around the lake – including ten minutes of relaxing lake air and spectacular panoramic views – and is vital to the entire region.

The ferry link was also selected as the design for the miniature sheet issued to mark the exhibition. Both ferries are depicted in their municipal colours at their respective berths in Horgen and Meilen. There is a white space between the two stamps – each of which has a value of 50+25 centimes – to symbolize the link crossing the lake.



Postal card: "Schwan" Horgen–Meilen car ferry in 1933.
Source: the archives of Meilen Ortsmuseum.

Miniature sheet on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 4.11.2021 to 31.12.2022 or while stocks last Branches: from 11.11.2021 to 31.12.2022 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamp: 48×30 mm Miniature sheet: 125×45 mm (miniature sheet of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13¼
Design	Raphael Schenker, Zurich

USPS cover

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Special sheet with surcharge (2× 0.50+0.25)	A377 315	A377 815	1.50
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover C6		A377 580	2.40
Cover without miniature sheet C6	A377 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A377 640	A377 650	2.30
USPS cover with special cancellation			
Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies (USPS) special cover C6, franked with the "Stamp Day 2021 Horgen" miniature sheet and cancelled with the special cancellation "8810 Horgen 25.–27.11.2021"		A377 581	4.00
The special cover is not supplied with the subscription.			
Postal stationery			
"Stamp Day 2021 Horgen" postal card, face value CHF 1.50 (1.00+0.50) + 1.00 for the card	A377 841	A377 846	2.50

Stamp Day 2021

Stamp Day will be held in Horgen from 25 to 27 November 2021. This is a level II exhibition.

Stamp exhibition
Venue: Kirchgemeindehäuser, Horgen (ZH)

Opening times of exhibition, stamp exchange and sales stand with cancellation service:
Thursday, 25 November 2021, 11.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m.
Friday, 26 November 2021, 9.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27 November 2021, 9.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m.

Autograph session:
On Saturday, 27 November 2021, Raphael Schenker, the designer of the miniature sheet, will be available to sign his work from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on the ground floor of the Kirchgemeindehaus (special branch).

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Joint issue Switzerland–Thailand

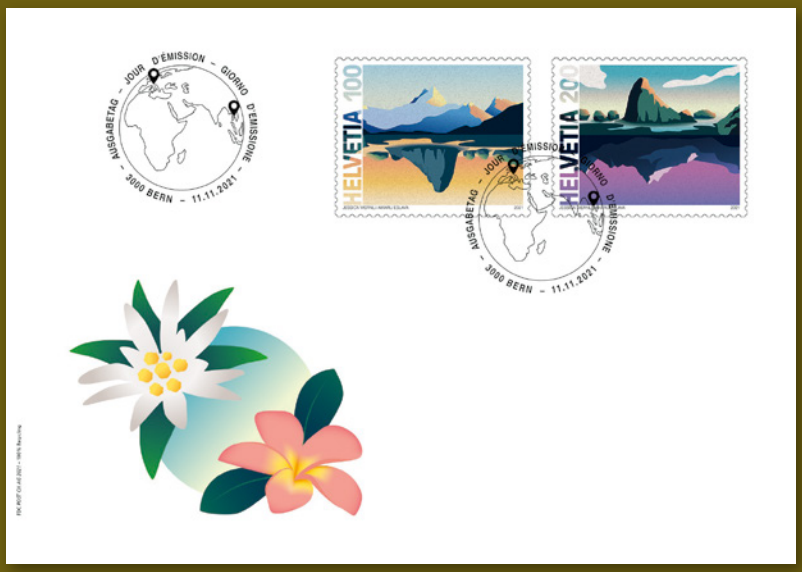
King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) laid the foundation for the strong relations between Switzerland and Thailand, which are based on trade and tourism. King Rama V was the great-grandfather of the current monarch Rama X, whose name is Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua.

Relations between Thailand and Switzerland date back to the 17th century, when missionaries from Fribourg travelled to the country that was then known as Siam. However, relations were only firmly established during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, thanks to King Rama V's visits to Europe. In 1931, the two countries signed a friendship and trade agreement – which means that Switzerland is celebrating 90 years of diplomatic relations with Thailand in 2021.

Tribute is paid to these relations through the illustrative depiction of two magnificent water landscapes, where each is reflected in the other. Featured are the viewpoint of Samed Nang Chee (or Samet Nangshe) overlooking Phang Nga Bay in southern Thailand and Lake Bachalp up above Grindelwald.

It is not just the reflections that are remarkable, but also the fact that the sun is rising over the Thai bay and setting over the Swiss mountain lake, symbolizing the time difference. The 100-centime stamp, which can be used in Switzerland, features the Swiss lake, while the 200-centime stamp showing the Thai bay can be used internationally.

Thai
first-day cancellation



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Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 6-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 40×32.5 mm Sheet: 190×162 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	Wood-free stamp paper with optical brightener, PVA-gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	14:13½
Design	Jessica Wernli and Amaru Eslava, Basel

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Items with the Swiss stamps

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A372 150	A372 550	3.00
Set of blocks of four	A372 160	A372 560	12.00
Sheet of 16 stamps 1.00 Lake Bachalp 2.00 Samed Nang Chee	 A372 111 A372 112	 A372 511 A372 512	 16.00 32.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A372 580	3.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A372 600	4.80
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A372 630	13.80
Unstamped covers C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A372 700 A372 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A372 640	A372 650	3.80

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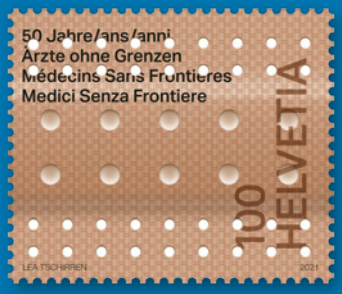
Items with the stamps from both countries

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Thai sheet of 10 stamps at 3 baht	A373 111	A373 511	1.00
The sheet contains five stamps with a Thai design and five with a Swiss design. The designs cannot be purchased individually. The sheet is not supplied with the subscription.			
Covers			
First-day cover E6 with the stamps from both countries		A373 580	4.20
Folder/collection sheet			
Folder/collection sheet A5 with the stamps from both countries	A373 640	A373 650	4.00
Please note: the Thai stamps are valid for postage in Thailand only. No consignments may be franked with these stamps in Switzerland.			

Special regulations apply to cancellation orders. These can be found in “Philanews 10/2021” at **swisspost.ch/stamp-publications**



Plaster

Bandage

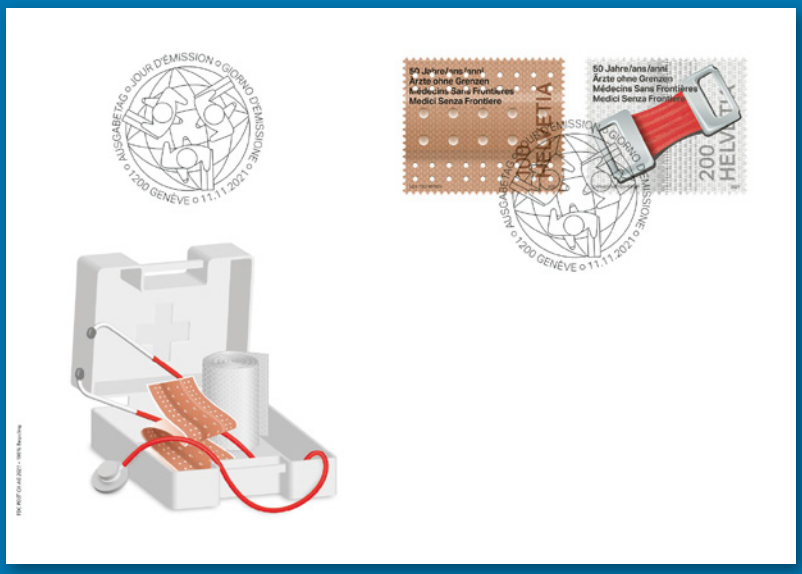
50 years Doctors Without Borders

50 years ago, a group of doctors and media professionals founded the charitable organization Doctors Without Borders in response to the famine in Biafra, which had been caused by civil war. Two remarkable special stamps have been issued to mark the anniversary.

Doctors Without Borders has grown continuously since it was founded in Paris in 1971. A Swiss section was established in Geneva in 1981; this is now one of the organization's five operational centers. Doctors Without Borders was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

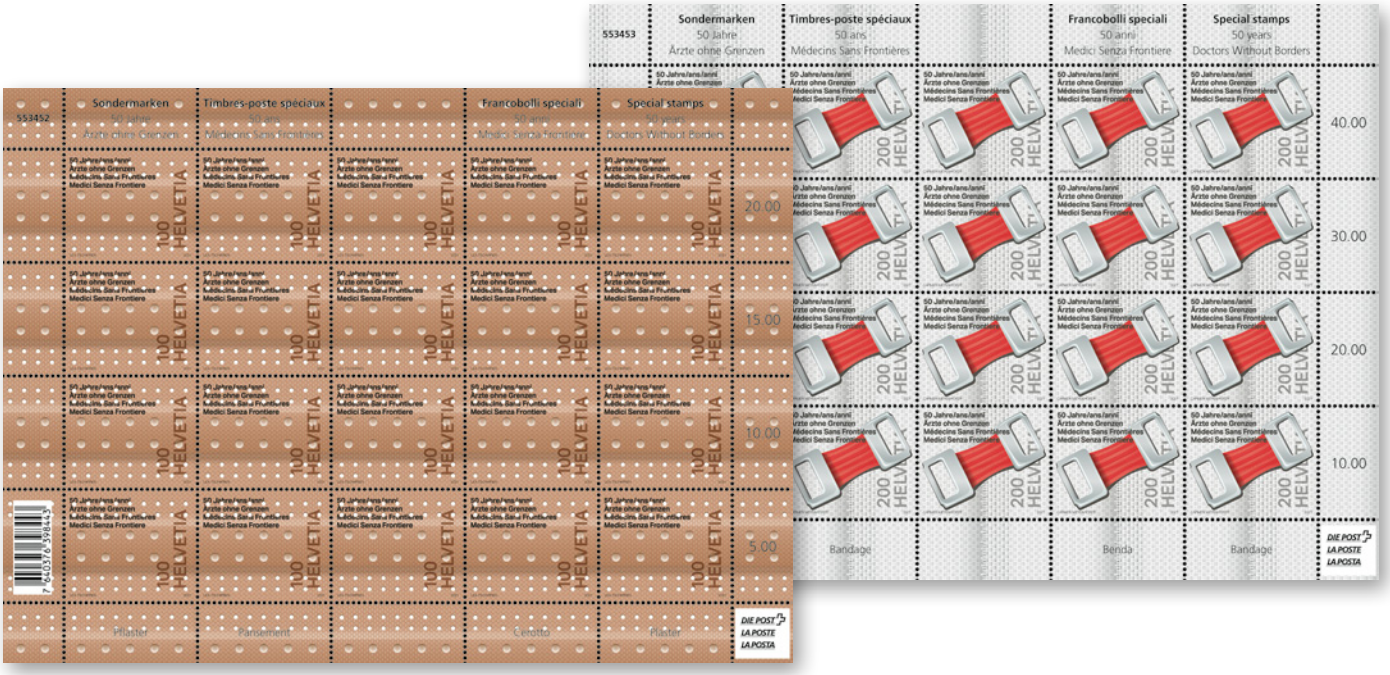
The organization provides emergency medical aid for victims of armed conflict, epidemics or natural disasters who have no access to healthcare provision – and this aid is provided regardless of ethnicity, religion, political beliefs or gender. The activities performed by Doctors Without Borders are always based on the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

The two special stamps depict two frequently used medical products familiar to all Swiss people: an adhesive plaster and a bandage clip. Special coatings are used for both stamps, accentuating their impact.



Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 4.11.2021 to 31.12.2022 or while stocks last Branches: from 11.11.2021 to 31.12.2022 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour, effect finish; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 190×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	14:13½
Design	1.00: Lea Tschirren, Bern 2.00: Carmen Meyenhofer, Bern



Sheet of 20 stamps

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A374 150	A374 550	3.00
Set of blocks of four	A374 160	A374 560	12.00
Sheet of 20 stamps 1.00 Plaster 2.00 Bandage	 A374 111 A374 112	 A374 511 A374 512	 20.00 40.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A374 580	3.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A374 600	4.80
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A374 630	13.80
Unstamped cover C6	A374 701		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A374 640	A374 650	3.80

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75 years UNICEF

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was founded on 11 December 1946 to provide support for the countless sick, starving and displaced children in Europe, which lay in ruins after the Second World War. These special stamps focus on the UNICEF priority of education.

Education for boys

Its full title is the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, or UNICEF for short. The organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1965, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted in 1989. UNICEF has undertaken countless missions in crisis-hit regions, such as Vietnam, Cambodia and El Salvador, and provided aid after natural disasters, such as the tsunami on the coasts bordering the Indian Ocean in 2004 and the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

Since 1961, UNICEF has been particularly committed to the goal of education for every child. It has also achieved a great deal of success in this movement: in the 1950s, 50 percent of all children were able to attend primary school, while the figure now stands at over 90 percent. However, half of school-leavers can barely read and write properly – a situation exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. 1.6 billion children in over 190 countries were affected by school closures last year.

168 million girls and boys had no access to education for a year. And 463 million children are excluded from digital learning. This is why UNICEF's activities remain vital. The two special stamps marking the UNICEF anniversary focus on the theme of education for every child.

Education for girls

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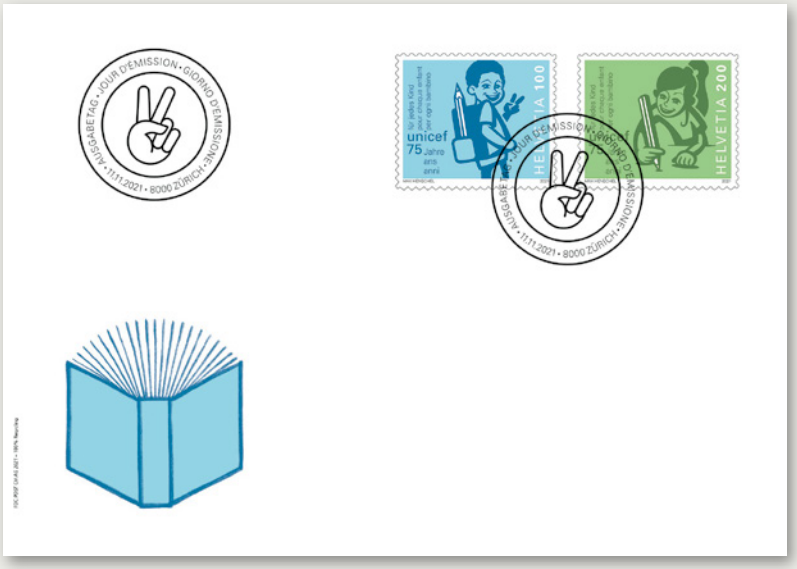
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A375 150	A375 550	3.00
Set of blocks of four	A375 160	A375 560	12.00
Sheet of 10 stamps 1.00 Education for boys 2.00 Education for girls	 A375 361 A375 362	 A375 381 A375 382	 10.00 20.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A375 580	3.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A375 600	4.80
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A375 630	13.80
Unstamped cover C6	A375 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A375 640	A375 650	3.80



Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 11.11.2021
Printing	Offset, 2-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Max Henschel, Bern

Children's stamp set

Big news for little ones

Swiss Post will now publish a children's stamp set four times a year to coincide with the issuing of our new stamps. The new product is available as a magazine and features Phila and Franco, the stamp friends of all young philatelists.

Each issue of the 20-page A5 set will include a selection of the newly issued stamps – the first issue will contain five cancelled and three mint stamps – and a first-day cover and postcards to be coloured in or designed by the children themselves. The magazine will also feature interesting facts and fascinating information on the topic of stamps and writing (all tailored to appeal to children, of course), a whole range of puzzles and handicrafts, and a thrilling comic starring Phila and Franco as the main characters.

The set is suitable for children aged seven to ten years old and aims to help them discover the world of stamps. It is available both as individual issues and on subscription (swisspost.ch/stamp-subscriptions). We are delighted that Samuel Glättli will be providing the illustrations for Phila and Franco. He is one half of the illustration team for the Globi series and has also illustrated numerous other children's books.

"Phila & Franco" stamp set 4/2021

Available from larger Swiss Post branches and at postshop.ch

Product	Item no.	Price in CHF
Children's stamp set 4/2021		
German	A388 904	12.00
French	A388 905	12.00
Italian	A388 906	12.00

Steeped in history and yet contemporary: the 2021 year book

Whether it's a look into the past or creative and fun-filled designs: the collection in the year book of Swiss stamps once again takes you on a journey through our extremely diverse nation and its fascinating stories.

A historical event that is particularly topical at the moment is the 50th anniversary of women's voting rights in Switzerland. This milestone is being commemorated with a special stamp. It's hard to believe that Switzerland only became a true democracy five decades ago, isn't it?

The stamp dedicated to sustainability, meanwhile, is a particularly creative piece. This is no coincidence, as the special stamp is the result of a design competition organized by Swiss Post in conjunction with the Bern University of the Arts.

In a way, Swiss Post is also showcasing itself with the new A and B Mail stamps – they show a real piece of Swiss Post history!

Elsewhere in the collection, you'll find engrossing stories about anniversaries, as well as some surprising and playful designs.

The 119-page 2021 year book presents 53 stunning original stamps and an exclusive black print. This book is perfect as a gift or a record of our times – for yourself, or perhaps for a loved one.

Gift idea

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Year book of Swiss stamps 2021	A379 830	A379 831	69.00

Colourful stamps

Issue set with single stamps 4/2021

Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 4/2021

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Issue set with single stamps 4/2021			
The sets and miniature sheet in the 4/2021 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A378 150	A378 550	20.60
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 4/2021			
The first-day covers with the sets and miniature sheet in the 4/2021 issue are combined in one free cover.		A378 580	31.20
2021 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents all Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2021, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en).	A379 830	A379 831	69.00
2021 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2021, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve.	A380 320	A380 820	60.50
2021 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
All the year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A380 530	89.40

2022 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2022, German/French	A368 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland 2022, German/French	A368 787	27.00
The stamp catalogues can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		

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